A Foundation for the Future

Improvements to SR 518 will provide a foundation for other projects planned in the airport vicinity to build upon.

The additional eastbound lane on SR 518 will improve the traffic operations at Sea-Tac Airport and will aid the construction of the Sound Transit Link Light Rail. All of these projects will reduce traffic congestion and increase safety.

The extension of Sound Transit LINK light rail to Sea-Tac Airport will benefit from the timely construction of the SR 518 improvements.

For more information

WSDOT, the Port of Seattle and the City of Burien, in cooperation with the Cities of Tukwila and SeaTac and Sound Transit, are coordinating construction of the improvements. For more information, contact:

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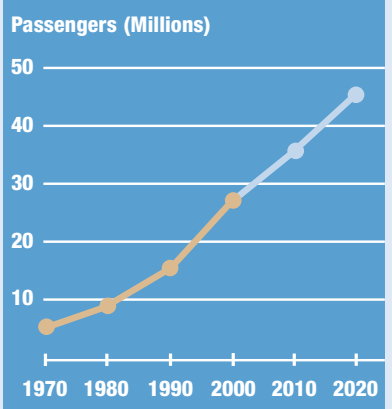
Why is SR 518 to Sea-Tac International Airport important?

SR 518 is the main access highway to Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, carrying 80% of all passenger and airfreight trips—providing a key link in Washington State's transportation system.

Sea-Tac Airport passenger growth is projected to increase from 29 million annual passengers today to 44 million in 2020—a 53% increase. This increasing travel demand along with continued population and employment growth in the region will dramatically intensify traffic on SR 518.

SeaTac Airport Passengers: Historic and Projected growth

Air travel at SeaTac Airport is projected to increase by 53%.

SR 518 is the main freeway access to Sea-Tac Airport and also carries significant regional commuter trips.

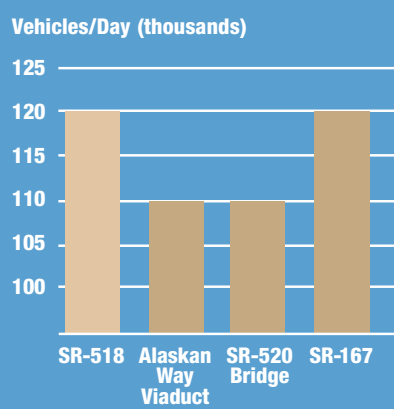### Why are improvements to SR 518 needed?

The SR 518 freeway connects Sea-Tac Airport, SR 509, Interstates 5 and 405, and SR 99, carrying thousands of commuters to work and urban centers around the region and serves as a primary gateway to the City of Burien. As a result, over 120,000 vehicles use SR 518 every day.

Forecasts show traffic congestion on SR 518 is going to get much worse in the near future as more people use the freeway. Within the next five years, drivers leaving the airport will experience more than 30-minute delays with traffic backed up to near the parking garage. The SR 509/SR 518 interchange will also see increasing congestion without the addition of a more direct freeway-to-freeway connection. To ensure SR 518 continues to move people and goods, improvements need to be made.

WSDOT, the Port of Seattle and the City of Burien, in cooperation with the Cities of Tukwila and SeaTac and Sound Transit, are collaboratively working on two bottleneck improvement projects that will keep traffic moving by adding capacity to SR 518 and reconfiguring the SR 518 and SR 509 interchange.

These projects will also improve air quality by reducing congestion, enhance freight mobility and access to Sea-Tac Airport and adjacent communities, and provide safety improvements at high accident locations on the SR 518 corridor.

Daily Traffic Volumes on Major Roads

SR 518 carries more traffic than the 520 Evergreen Point floating bridge.

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